

### MICHAEL SEIBERT NAMED PSU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNSELOR

Michael Seibert has been named a counselor for Pembroke State University's Economic Development Office as that office strengthens its staff.

His salary is being paid by the Small Business Technology and Development Center, a state wide organization headquartered in Raleigh and operated under the jurisdiction of the UNC Board of Governors.

A personable young man who meets people with great congeniality, Seibert, 34, already has his office set up in PSU's Economic Development Office, which is directed by Dr. Bruce Mattox.

Of Seibert's duties, Mattox says, "He will be basically a small business counselor, supporting the development and expansion of small businesses with technical assistance."

Seibert says he will be mentoring small business owners, both one-on-one and in groups. His area of concentration will be Robeson, Scotland and Richmond counties. He will also be working with the Fayetteville office of the Small Business Technology and Development Center.

Seibert, a native of Vineland, N.J., earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting at Widener University in Chester, Pa. He will complete his Master Of Business Administration degree at Campbell University this fall.

He worked for 9 and 1/2 years with United Financial Services, a con-

sumer lending institution, and has been branch manager of that organization's Laurinburg office for the last three years.

Seibert is married to the former Rhonda Baicom of Kannapolis. They reside in Laurinburg.

### TRYON LOWRY EARNS MASTER OF DIVINITY AT DUKE

Tryon Lowry, former director of purchasing services for PSU, has been awarded his Master of Divinity degree at the Duke Divinity School.

Lowry earned his Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from PSU in 1973.

He made a momentous trip to Israel in 1988, and it was there that he dedicated himself to go full time into the ministry. "I sensed a call there to give myself full time to answering the Great Commission," Lowry said.

### REV. JERRY LOWRY TAKES PASTORATE AT SUNSET BEACH

Rev. Jerry Lowry, a '70 graduate of PSU who earned his Master of Divinity at the Duke Divinity School in '85, has taken a position as pastor of Seaside United Methodist Church at Sunset Beach.

Lowry has served for the past two years as secretary of the PSU Board of Trustees and is a member of the Chancellor's Club.

He had formerly been pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pembroke. Lowry has been particularly a leader in booking performers for PSU's annual "Gospel Music Festival," held each spring of the year. He has been an individual who has helped

### PSU GRADUATE TO HEAD UNION COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Union County, which this year has a merged school system for the first time, recently named Clifton Dodson, a '72 graduate of PSU, as the superintendent of that system. Dodson, a native of Durham who majored in physical education at PSU, went to Union County from the Georgetown, S.C., County School District where he received the highest of accolades.

Tom Crooke, chairman of the Union County Board of Education, described Dodson's list of accomplishments at Georgetown, S.C., as "unparalleled," adding, "Under his leadership, Georgetown's school system has become a model in South Carolina."

Bob Curry, vice chairman of the Union County Board of Education, commented, "I found Cliff Dodson a very progressive person—a person seeking a challenge. He feels like he can carry us into the 21st Century. He exudes that confidence. At the same time, he has the credentials to back it up."

### DR. JOHN REISSNER ON LEAVE TO UCLA

Dr. John Reissner, PSU professor of physical science who has an A.B. from Harvard and a Ph.D. from the University of California, is taking a year's sabbatical to work at UCLA in "computational physics of chemistry applied to systems of biomedical interest." He will be working with cell membranes, binding of enzymes, etc.

A sabbatical year is described as a leave granted every seven years so a professor can rest, travel or do research. For Reissner, it will be for research for which he applied and was accepted. "A sabbatical is usually every seven years, but for me it has been more like 17", chuckled Reissner, who has been a member of the PSU faculty since 1976.

Going with him will be his wife, Zollene, who is the organist-pianist for First Baptist Church on Walnut St. in Lumberton, meaning the church will have to find a replacement for a year.

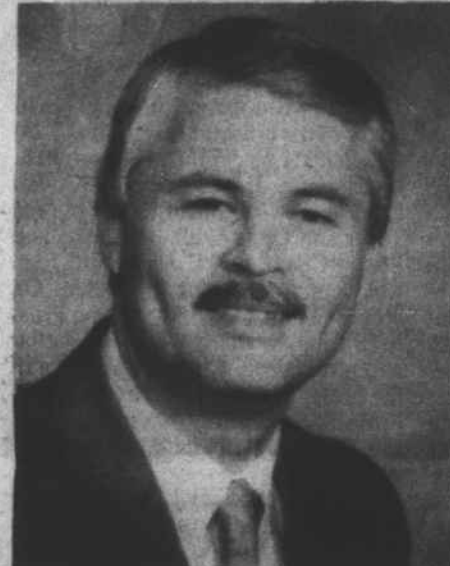
### HEALTH PROBLEMS OF MINORITIES ARE CITED

When one of four public hearings state wide was held during the summer at PSU by the Office of Minority Health and the Minority Health Advisory Council, some glaring statistics were released.

From 1987-91, a total of 662 minority babies died in Southeastern North Carolina. During that same five year period, heart disease and strokes killed 5,513 minority adults in this same region.

Cancer claimed the lives of another 2,719 minorities in the region. In the past two years, AIDS has joined the ranks of minority killers in Southeastern North Carolina, taking the lives of 100 in one year (1990-91).

The 17 counties targeted for the public hearing for this region were Anson, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, Harnett, Hoke, Montgomery, Moore, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland.



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## In Memory of Lost Friends and Loved Ones

by Violet Locklear  
Here lately the Mt. Airy community has suffered some terrible losses of some of our church members and friends. Most recently the accident involving Rev. Mike Cummings' family and Bro. Alton Hagan's son Lance, as well as the others involved. The accident was really terrible. Truly we know that God has the answer to the question why it happened. We thank God for sparing the lives of those involved in the accident. And, of course, we all know that Death is not our enemy. To a person who is saved and whose body is no longer able to house the Soul and Spirit, Death is a God-given friend. Death for those in Christ comes as an angel. Did you know that? And the Kingdom of God is far lovelier than the Earth. Life is sweet, but according to the Word of God, Heaven is so much sweeter. Sometimes we don't understand why tragedy happens. But God still knows best, even when we don't understand it.  
My mind drifts back to the accident which claimed the life of my nephew, Rev. Titus Locklear. I questioned God and I knew I was wrong. But now I suspect that Rev. Titus

Locklear is smiling in a heavenly realm today. And I certainly would not wish him back in this wicked world today.  
As Christmas approaches, I know each family will certainly be aware of their lost loved ones more than ever. Bust as they have departed, so will we, one day. So, let's continue to remember these families in prayer. Not only the families in our community. We have heard of so many more tragedies close by us recently. But in times of desolation and despair, we must hold fast to God's promise that He will not forsake us. He will never leave us with out help and hope.  
Read Psalms 46:1. And may God be with each and every one of the family members.  
I have lived for quite a while in this life and I have never seen anytime when there was not trouble. There are certain inevitabilities in life and death is one of them. It comes to all sooner or later. We all share it. I know because I have experienced the death of a loved one quite a few times. I am often reminded of what my brother, Rev. Sanford Locklear, has always said: "We have to learn to live between the storms."

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## Deaths and Funerals

**Lacy Locklear**  
Laurinburg: Lacy Locklear, 56, of 206 Hill St., Laurinburg, died Monday at Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg.

He was born May 12, 1937 in Rowland to the late Hausand Florence Locklear. He was a retired custodian at Toastmaster.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 4 p.m. at the South Main Pentecostal Holiness Church in Laurinburg with the Revs. Jerry Wilkes and Robert Stevens officiating. Burial was held at Scotland Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Edith Locklear of the home; a son, Lacy Vincent Locklear of Germany; a daughter, Sara Williams of Laurinburg; two brothers, Winford Locklear of Maxton and Clyde Locklear of Laurinburg; two sisters, Gertrude Jeffery of Laurinburg, and Maggie Troublefield of Maxton; and two grandchildren.  
Visitation was held at Butler Funeral Service in Laurinburg.

**Muriel Lowery**  
Shannon: Muriel Lowery, 53, of Rt. 1, Box 205, Shannon, died Sunday at Southeastern General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Freedom Assembly of God with the Rev. Montana Locklear officiating. Burial followed at Cherokee Chapel Methodist Church cemetery.  
Survivors include four sons, Larry Lowery and Billy Lowery, both of Red Springs.

**Randall Locklear of Maxton, and Terry Lambert of Red Springs;** three daughters, Ethel Mae Chavis, Linda Lowery, and Dessie Lee Tyler, all of Red Springs; six brothers, Evan Lambert Jr. of Red Springs, Jerry Lambert of Shannon, Eugene Lambert, Randolph Lambert, Frank Lambert, and Glenn Lambert, all of Red Springs; five sister, Shirley Chavis of Shannon, Susie Locklear of Red Springs, Betty Lambert of Shannon, Alice Jacobs of Red Springs, and Venette Ivey of Fayetteville; 14 grandchildren; and a great grand-child.

## Tragic Consequences Created by Clinging to Outdated Beliefs

by Erlinda Ornelas Britt

Brutal survival tactics that are misunderstood by young Native Americans are daily decimating our population. As an Aztec survivor, I can speak about this with authority, for I am a Native American, too.

And I have had to learn survival under cruel and inhuman treatment without resorting to becoming an ignorant brute in the process. Sometimes I wonder if any ethnic group in America would survive if it weren't for the meek and mild, the gentle learners.

Creativity must abound in our heritage to enable us to be different from the evergrowing uneducated masses. Or maybe we truly are just blessed or lucky or both.

I prefer to think not. Instead I want desperately to believe that we can all learn to survive without killing. That by a simple process, so that all can access it, we can teach even the least gifted non-violent survival.

Beginning with the knowledge that most Native Americans are dying by tactics which they learned to use for survival and which are no longer needed, simple steps can be taken to uproot these behaviors and supplant them with new ones.

For example, clinging to violent acts as a means of obtaining love, money, or quality of life was a popular and useful behavior before the written word and better means of communication through education were available. Feet, horses, dogs, and donkeys were a great means of transportation before cars, trains and planes were invented.

And in some parts of the world natives still have to use their fists and feet to survive because no other possibilities exist. But we are Native Americans with endless choices of tools for survival. The immigrants to our land have brought them, in exchange for sharing the soil, air, water, and atmosphere which we so firmly believed was not ours to begin with.

Why are we so determined to close the circle to the last survivor without considering other avenues? In a time when more education is available than ever before why are we so determined to kill ourselves off?

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### SGH'S MCNEILL ADMITTED TO NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY

Timothy L. McNeill, director of strategic planning at Southeastern General Hospital, was recently admitted to Associate status in the American College of Healthcare Executives.

Founded in 1933, the College is a Chicago based international professional society representing more than 27,000 health care executives. With comprehensive programs in credentialing, self-assessment, education, career counseling, publications, research, and public policy, the American College of Healthcare Executives works toward its goal of enhancing excellence in health care management.

McNeill, a native of Robeson County, joined SGH in May of this year. He holds an undergraduate degree from Pembroke State University and a master of health care administration from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Associate status marks the first level of professional achievement in the college. Associates must demonstrate their educational preparation and commitment to the healthcare field through an extensive application process. After a period of continued professional development, the Associate may make application to advance to Membership status.

## Our Men In Uniform

**Fort Hood, Killen, Texas**  
Sgt. Ronald G. Locklear has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

The medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Army.

Locklear, a missile system mechanic, is the son of Gene and Wanda Locklear of Rt. 1, Shannon, NC.

His wife, Army Sgt. Tina I. Rivera, is the daughter of August J. and Dora Rivera of 3565 W. 9th Ave. Denver Colorado.

The sergeant is a 1988 graduate of Magnolia High School in Lumberton.